Police Rout Youths in Hotel

McCarthy Acts for Calm, Pledges Inquiry

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CHICAGO, Aug. 30—Terrified young followers of Eugene McCarthy fled Chicago today after another bloody encounter with National Guardsmen and police.

McCarthy delayed his own departure to see them safely out of town and announced the formation of a lawyer's committee to prepare a report on the latest outbreak of violence.

It occurred shortly before 6 a.m. when a squad of Mayor Richard Daley's policemen, accompanied by National Guardsmen, invaded the 15th floor of the Conrad Hilton Hotel, routed young McCarthy staffers out of their rooms and their beds and began cracking heads. At least two McCarthy workers—24-year-old John Warren of Lansing, Mich., and George Yumich—suffered deep scalp cuts and were treated by Dr. William Davidson, McCarthy's physician.

Warren's blood poured over the carpeted lobby of the 15th floor and collected in puddles as the police hurdled young boys and girls into elevators in an effort to clear the floor.

McCarthy, outraged at the police tactics, rushed down to the hotel lobby to comfort the youngsters and protect them from further harm.

Members of the raiding squad on the 15th floor told reporters they had been ordered upstairs after National Guardsmen spotted people throwing objects down onto the street from Suite 1506-A, which was rented in the name of John Kenneth Galbraith, the Harvard professor who has been active in McCarthy's campaign. Galbraith was not in the room. It had been turned over to a number of young staff workers, who denied throwing anything down onto the street.

A spokesman for Chicago Police Superintendent James B. Conlisk Jr. said the objects being thrown onto Michigan Avenue from the hotel included beer cans filled with urine, paper bags containing fecal matter, and smoked fish.

A National Guardsman told reporters he had identified the room they came from with binoculars.

Shortly thereafter, a raiding party, led by Timothy Nolan, a homicide detective, charged onto the 15th floor. They had no warrants for search or arrests but nevertheless forced their way into room after room, accompanied by Hilton Hotel officials.

Reporters reaching the scene found Warren slumped against a wall in a

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chair, with blood pouring from his head. Detective Nolan was staggering around with a cold handkerchief pressed to his eyes. He said he thought he had been hit with a chemical agent. Nolan also said that another officer had suffered a crushed chest, but no injury reports of that nature were subsequently issued.

About 20 young McCarthy workers were screaming and attempting to dodge the raid squad. Boys and girls were being hussled by police into elevators and sent down into the hotel lobby.

Warren, according to Nolan, attempted to attack the raiders with a wooden card table. Robert Keith, editor of the Los Angles Times/Washington Post News Service, said he saw Warren pick up the table too, and Warren later acknowledged that he had resisted "because he felt so frustrated."

Version Is Denied

But that version of the story was denied by 21-year old Peter Struges of Ardsley-on-Hudson, N.Y., one of the youths routed out of bed in the Galbraith suite.

Sturges said Warren was standing behind the small table in the 15th-floor lobby as the officers shoved McCarthy staff workers toward him. Suddenly, said Sturges, one of the officers leaped at Warren with his night stick flailing. He swung three times, said Sturges, and broke the night stick over Warren's skull.

Warren was left lying under the table as the policemen and Guardsmen surged forward toward the elevators. Yumich was hit as he got in their way.

By this time McCarthy had been awakened and rushed downstairs from his suite on the 23d floor of the hotel. He gathered the hysterical young people in the main lobby into a circle, sat them down on the floor and tried to calm them. He told them to return to their rooms in groups of three and four.

Aide Places Call

One of McCarthy's assistant's, Stephen Cohn, placed a call to Norman Sherman, Press Secretary to Vice President Humphrey, who was sleeping on the 25th floor. He asked Sherman to awaken Humphrey and get him to intervene. Sherman, — by the accounts of both men — declined.

Cohn's version of the conversation was that Sherman dismissed the incident as insignificant and refused any help. Sherman said he was sympathetic, offered to let Cohn come to his room, but believed that there was nothing effective he could do at that point.

By that time, in any case, the melee was dying down but the 15th floor was still filled with weeping, terrified youngsters. As Nolan left with his raiding squad, he told reporters he had been ordered "to evacuate" the floor to prevent injury to the hundreds of troops and police officers on the street who had been guarding the hotel for six days against anti-war demonstrators assembled in nearby Grant Park.

Richard Goodwin, a McCarthy speechwriter, called a press conference before 7 a.m. to get the story out.

Later in the morning, McCarthy himself summoned reporters to announce the formation of a lawyer's investigating committee and to say that he would remain in Chicago until his staff was safely out of town.

'Out of Proportion'

He said he had not determined whether any objects had been thrown out of any windows on the 15th floor but that in any case there was no provocation for the actions of the raiding party.

"The action," said McCarthy, "was completely out of proportion to anything reported to have occurred." But it was typical, he said, of the harassment and brutality inflicted on his followers all week.

"Anyone on the Democratic National Committee who insisted that the convention be held here this year," he said, "should resign . . . I don't know whether it was safe this morning to wear a McCarthy button."